



## TEXT-BOOKS TO FIT COUNTRY LIFE

(Written Specially For The Bulletin.)

As I remember the "sums" in the little old "Colburn's Mental Arithmetic" to which I was once condemned, they used to read something like this: "If James has two dimes and a York shilling and buys one-sixth of a dozen eggs at forty cents a dozen, and one-twelfth of a dozen nutmegs at a cent a nutmeg, and three-eighths of a dozen Jackson balls at four for a cent, and one-ninth of a yard of blue-checked apron slingham at five cents a yard, how much change is he to receive?"

To my very faithful mind Mr. Colburn might just as sensibly have propounded the question: "If a man six feet tall stands on the seashore at low tide facing exactly east, how low is the sea?"

Some years ago a school superintendent out west, disgusted with the absurd forms in which many school text-books phrased their problems, started a crusade for the abolition of city-bred text-books in country schools and substitution of methods of instruction which should have some fitness and be reasonably comprehensive to country children. Teach the country child the terms of country life, was the phrase.

Now the Washington Department of Agriculture has taken up the idea, and issued a bulletin, warmly advising that rural schools deal with problems and examples drawn from farm conditions and suited to farm-bred boys, rather than the stereotyped formulae "so familiar in the city-written, city-edited, city-planned text-book."

For instance, the department suggests a problem like this: "If arsenate of lead costs 15 cents a pound and it takes two pounds of arsenate of lead and three days' time at \$1.25 a day to destroy the Colorado beetles on an acre of potatoes, how many bushels of potatoes at 50 cents a bushel will be required to pay for the treatment?"

Now, that sort of question comes right home to many a farmer's boy. One can easily imagine a good many tacking it with real zeal, if for no other purpose than in the hope of demonstrating that father "doesn't get enough extra crop from the boy's sloppiness, dirty work, to pay for requiring him to do it."

If the farmer's boys of today are anything like what they used to be when I was "spencers" and trotted barefoot to school, they'll eagerly attack almost any sort of problem which affords a hope of release from "potato-bugging." Or any other like task which used to come invariably when the old "swimming hole" was calling and the trout biting their best.

Furthermore, again assuming that boys are about the same now as sixty years ago, the chances are that some of the problems in their next day's task will be submitted to father, the father, for his advice and suggestion.

And I'm rather inclined to think that quite a few old farmers with children going to school might perhaps get a nudge worth while, occasionally, from having to work out for the lad's help some such example as that quoted.

Which wouldn't do "the old man" one little bit of hurt. Instead, it might even give him an idea—if he isn't more than half mule.

Indeed, it is quite as much for his possible reflex effect on grown-up farmers as for its value to the pupils in school that I rejoice over such a movement as this.

The more I see of actual farmers, the more I talk with them, and the better I come to comprehend their working theories, the more convinced I am that not half of them know whether they are farming for a profit or not.

Why, it was only last week that, talking with one neighbor, he broke in indignantly with the remark that "there wasn't no profit in any kind of farming." All it did was a man a living.

As if a man could get a "living" out of any productive industry which

and butter at cost or even less for the sake of getting measure to raise crops to turn into more milk and butter to sell again at cost or even less!

My grandfather and my father were both "general farmers." They raised certain crops because they had got into the habit of raising them, because other farmers raised them, and they assumed that they had to. Neither of them had ever kept tab on the outgo and the income from any particular crop.

My two years' shingle-kept reckoning showed me that just about one-half of these "general" farmers were sources of actual loss; that only about one-half paid wages and profit. In other words, we should have been better off if we had dropped the loss-making crops entirely and had not compelled the profit-bringing crops to make good for the paupers as well as themselves.

But I know of only three actual farmers in my neighborhood who keep or ever have kept any account with any particular crop to see whether it pays them or not. There may be others; I hope so; but I haven't happened to find them.

Now we may cuss the middlemen all we please, and we won't be doing them any injustice. We may growl all we want to at the manipulators of markets, and they'll deserve it all, and more. But when we say that in spite of all these, there isn't any profit in farming, we are not telling the truth.

## DANIELSON AND PUTNAM NEWS

### DANIELSON

Dr. and Mrs. Riezel Robinson in South Carolina—Death of Mrs. Joseph Wilcox—Skating on the River—Bishop Acheson Making First Visitation to This Section.

Nathan D. Prince recently attended the banquet of the Massachusetts Bankers' association at the Copley Plaza, Boston.

Miss Ruth Smith has been acting as a substitute teacher at the school in Williamsville this week.

Lewis Fitts leaves Killbuck early in the spring for Meriden, where he has obtained work.

Supt. Phillips III. Superintendent John C. Phillips of the mills at Wauregan is ill.

Mrs. Samuel Dean, after a lengthy visit here, has returned to her home in New England.

Before Deputy Judge James N. Tucker there was a trial of a civil case in the town court Friday.

J. Myron Bates of Wallingford was a visitor with friends in Danielson Friday.

Special Town Meeting. Several matters of interest to the people of that town are to be discussed at a special town meeting in Brooklyn today.

A number of local members of Putnam lodge of Elks were in that city Friday to attend the funeral of Michael R. Joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hyde of Canterbury have been spending a few days in Hartford.

Will Go Further South. Dr. and Mrs. Riezel Robinson are now at Aiken, S. C., and will go farther south later in the winter.

Father Lost Recovering. Rev. Ignatius Kost, pastor of the church of St. Joseph at Dayville, has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness as to be able to resume some of his duties.

To Conduct Episcopal Services. Rev. James H. George, Jr., of St. Alban's church, is to have charge Sunday afternoon of a service to be held at the home of Mrs. Willis Shippee, in the Mahetuck district.

The suggestion that Danielson have a real baseball team the coming year has been given a boost by the fact that the Sisters have proposed to see what can be done to support a team.

No Room for Them Anyway. It is said that it is not likely that more prisoners who are found to be common drunkards will be committed from Killbuck to the state farm for inebriates at Norwich on account of the expense to the town in paying for the keep of persons so committed.

OBITUARY. Mrs. Joseph Wilcox.

Mrs. Mary Ann Wilcox, 79, widow of Joseph Wilcox, died Friday morning at her home on what is known as the Old King place, on the Killbuck Center-East Killbuck road. Mrs. Wilcox, whose maiden name was Watson, was a native of Trowbridge, England. She leaves a sister, a Mrs. Lester of Ballouville, but no other near relatives.

BISHOP ACHESON'S VISITATION At Brooklyn Friday—Reception at St. Alban's Rectory This Evening—Sunday Appointments.

Suffragan Bishop E. Campion Acheson of Middletown was at Trinity church, Brooklyn, Friday, conducting a service and afterwards meeting the people of the parish at the rectory, in company with Rev. A. P. Knell.

Sunday Bishop Acheson will officiate at the celebration of holy communion at St. Alban's church here at 7:30 and will preach at the 10:45 service. This (Saturday) evening he will be at St. Alban's rectory and those who desire will have an opportunity to meet him there between the hours of 8 and 9.

Sunday evening at 8:45 Bishop Acheson will conduct the third anniversary service at St. Paul's church, Plainfield, where he will be accompanied by Rev. James H. George, Jr., pastor of St. Alban's church and in charge of St. Paul's.

The visits are the first by Bishop Acheson to the churches in this section of the diocese of Connecticut since his consecration.

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unless we have first proved that there isn't any by finding out where our money goes and where it comes from. If any farmer is raising, say, twelve kinds of crops and six of them produce a loss of \$50 each while the other six produce a profit of \$50 each, then the loss wholly offsets the gain, and there is no profit to him from his farming. But there would be a profit of \$500 if he would cut out the six loss-producing crops and do just half the work on half the ground with the six profit-makers. There would be a profit of \$500 if he would do the same amount of work as now on the same amount of land with the money-winners—doubling their acreage and cutting the others completely out.

Now, I don't believe that all the arguing and all the appealing and all the preaching of the world will ever make many of our old farmers take hold of our proposition from this side. But, if the youngsters at school are started off on this line, there'll be some hope for them, at least, when they grow up. And, in the meantime, their enforced study of the practical arithmetic of farming, whether it pays them or not, over-night appeals to father for advice in solving some of the problems drawn from that source, will have a potent influence on them insofar as not to start a new train of thought in the old heads.

Therefore I'm for the new idea of "country life" for it with both hands and both feet and the biggest yell I can vocalize!

THE FARMER.

## PUTNAM

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Business Suspended During Funeral of Michael R. Joy—Chief Deeds for Morse Property Passed—Mrs. M. Toscan Bennett Speaks of Equal Suffrage.

One of the largest funeral congregations assembled in Putnam in years was at St. Paul's church Friday morning at 9 o'clock to attend the solemn high requiem mass for Michael R. Joy. Business was suspended in the city from 9 until 10 o'clock.

The officers of the mass were Rev. Charles F. Bedard, celebrant; Rev. J. E. McGerick, deacon; Rev. B. M. Donnelly, officiating minister; Rev. J. E. McGerick, J. J. Elty, Pomfret, and Rev. J. E. McGerick, deacon.

The society women can always find the more they let you know it. The society women can always find her sweet smile where she put it. The man who has seen better days didn't think so well of them at the time.

The optimist doesn't have to die but once, but the pessimist is buried alive every day.

City Notes. The present trip of Suffragan Bishop Acheson into this section of eastern Connecticut will not bring him to Putnam, but he will pay a visit to St. Philip's church later.

Woodstock academy's basketball team came here Friday evening for a game with the P. H. S. team.

Roy A. Wilbur of Worcester was a visitor with friends in Putnam Friday.

Miss Adelaide Rabbitt has returned to Bridgeport, where she is a teacher, after a visit with relatives here.

The girls' basketball team of Putnam High school went to Williamstown Friday afternoon for a game with Windham High.

Waterbury.—Upwards of 30 or 40 men employed as conductors and motormen by the Connecticut company are off duty, suffering from grip.

DEEDS PASSED FRIDAY. Daughters of the Holy Ghost Now Own Morse Property, Including Baseball Field.

Deeds were passed Friday transferring the George M. Morse property on Church street to the Daughters of the Holy Ghost, Inc. This completes the deal announced Wednesday. The price of the property was not given out, but it was understood to be only a percentage of what the cost of developing the beautiful place was to Mr. Morse.

The sale includes the Morse field baseball grounds, where the big games of last season were played, as were the frames of many seasons past. When the Sistershood proposes to do with this part of the purchase is not given out.

Steps are to be taken at once to improve the property and to build new structures and additions as required to meet the needs of the Sisters. As soon as possible the mother house of the order in this country is to be moved from Hartford to this city. The Sisters have charge of the parochial schools in Putnam, Wauregan, Moosup, at other places in eastern Connecticut and at points in Massachusetts, so Putnam is a central point for the headquarters of the order.

All of the heads of the orders are to be located in this city and the business transacted from the local headquarters. It is said that the plans of the society provide for enlarging and developing the convent to be established here to provide a home for aged Sisters, for Sisters who may be temporarily in poor health and in need of rest, and to care for the Sisters of the order during the period of their retirement. It is expected that as many as 200 Sisters will be here at times during the summer season.

The purchase of the Morse property is not a matter that concerns St. Mary's parish in a financial way. The property has been purchased from the funds of the order of Sisters and will be exclusively under their jurisdiction as to management and control, the deed being in the name of the order.

The coming of the order's mother house and novitiate, for candidates for the Sistershood will also be located here, will mean much to the city in a business way to many of the tradesmen.

Address by Mrs. M. Toscan Bennett. Mrs. M. Toscan Bennett, Hartford, one of the most brilliant of the suffrage workers of the state, addressed a meeting of the Putnam Equal Franchise league here Friday evening, giving an address that she has delivered in other parts of Connecticut recently.

Mrs. Bennett was enthusiastically received by the members of the Putnam league and their friends, gathered in Odd Fellows' hall. In connection with the meeting a reception for Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. W. J. Bartlett, president of the local league, was held.

F. J. Trinder, supervisor of state trade schools in Connecticut and representative of the state board of education, was in town Friday afternoon for a conference with members of the Putnam Equal Franchise league relative to plans for Putnam's trade school.

There was a meeting Friday evening of the directors of Putnam Chamber of Commerce to discuss matters that may lead to important action for the development of Putnam.

Sharp Drop in Temperature. The manner in which the temperature started to drop in Putnam Friday afternoon gave promise that the long-threatened cold wave was arriving. The temperature dropped 3 degrees in an hour, between 3 and 5 o'clock, and started on its way for the zero mark.

Souvenir Taylor's Quips. Here are some epigrams turned out

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**JAPAN UNFAVORABLE TO CHINA'S ENTRY INTO WAR**  
Will Interfere With Political Situation In the Far East

Tokio, Jan. 14.—The suggestion of the Allies of bringing China into the war on their side is unfavorably received in Japan. The press has voiced unmistakable antagonism to the project.

It is not true, as some of the Japanese papers have said, that Japan was not consulted by the Allies on the question of Asia. In fact, the project was communicated to Baron Ishii, the minister for foreign affairs, by the Ambassadors of the Entente powers who at the same time requested the endorsement and support of the Japanese government.

Baron Ishii explained that Japan could not join in the project because such an idea was incompatible with Japan's policy which is based upon a localization of the war and not its extension. The minister thought that if China abandoned her neutrality, endless complications would arise with the German and Austrian residents in China which could only tend to disturb the peace of the Far East. He said he doubted whether these complications were worth while and whether the benefits from the step would be sufficiently great to warrant the risks. It would be better, Japan thought, to reach the goal of the Allies by other means which Japan was ready and willing to discuss.

Japan's position does not indicate any division between Japan and the Allies, it is declared. The Chinese question is considered by Japan to be of the greatest importance in connection with the future policies of Japan in the Orient. It is pointed out to the entire question of the development of the political situation in the Far East. In considering the politics of the Orient, the Japanese government is in mind that Japan will undoubtedly pursue the doctrine she is entitled to fill the predominating role in Oriental affairs. She feels herself especially responsible for the peace of Asia and considers that it is her destiny to guide in a friendly manner the development of the continent.

If China were to enter the Entente group and have a voice in the peace conference at the end of the war, Japan, it is said, would be forced to probable attitude of China towards the interests of Japan in the Far East. For example, China were to oppose such things as the cession by Germany of Tsing Tau and the German islands in the south Pacific it might prove very disturbing to the interests of Japan.

**Would Be His Character.**  
Our old friend General Coxey is running for Senator in Ohio on a platform of "no more war." The approval of half a million dollars for merchant marine. Tramp steamers, of course.—New York Mail.

**Explains the Increase.**  
John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has come out against booze. Now we understand just why he put that extra four cents on gasoline.—Detroit Journal.

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